



Padre Island National Seashore SandDollar



Friday, April 30, 2004

Superintendent

Colin's schedule:

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| Friday, 4/30 | – On Travel; Return to Corpus Christi |
| Monday, 5/3 | – In the Park |
| Tuesday, 5/4 | – In the Park; Squad meeting 8:30 am |
| Wed., 5/5 | – In the Park; Attend Gulf Beach Meeting
(on Mustang Isl.) @ 10:30 am |
| Thurs., 5/6 | – In the Park |
| Friday, 5/7 | – In the Park |

Safety Notes--

The following was submitted by Shari Butler. Thank you, Shari!

This is disturbing but, nonetheless, probably some good/useful info...

FEMALE SAFETY

Tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

Learned this from a tourist guide to New Orleans:

.... If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM. Toss it away from you. Chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you and he will go for the wallet/purse. RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!

..... If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car: Kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

Last night I attended a personal safety workshop, and it jolted me. It was given by an amazing man, Pat Malone, who has been a body-guard for famous figures like Farrah Fawcett and Sylvester Stallone. He works for the FBI and teaches police officers and Navy SEALs hand-to-hand combat. This man has seen it all, and knows a lot. He focused his teachings to us on HOW TO AVOID BEING THE VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME. He gave us some statistics about how much the occurrences of random violence have escalated over the recent years, and it's terrible. Something like 99% of us will be exposed to, or become a victim of a violent crime.

Here are some of the most important points that I got out of his presentation; the three reasons women are easy targets for random acts of violence are:

1. A lack of Awareness: swing your arms, stand straight up.
2. Wrong Place, Wrong Time: DON'T walk alone in an alley, or drive in a bad neighborhood at night.
3. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc). DON'T DO THIS! The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.
4. A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage:
 - a. Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.
 - b. If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.

c. Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out.

IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.

(And better paranoid than dead.)

..... ALWAYS take the elevator instead of the stairs. (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot).

..... If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN! The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; even then, it most likely WILL NOT be a vital organ. RUN!

..... As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: STOP IT! It may get you raped, or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well educated man, who ALWAYS played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked "for help" into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

Pat Malone told us the story of his daughter, who came out of the mall and was walking to her car when she noticed 2 older ladies in front of her. Then she saw a police car come towards her with cops who said hello. She also noticed that all 8 handicap spots in the area were empty. As she neared her car she saw a man a few rows over calling to her for help. He wanted her to close his passenger side door. He was sitting in the back on the driver's side, and said he was handicapped. He continued calling, until she turned and headed back to the mall, and then he began cursing at her. In the meantime, she wondered why he didn't ask the 2 older ladies, or the Policeman for help, and why he was not parked in any of the empty handicap spots. As she got back to the mall, two male friends of hers were exiting, and as she told them the story and turned to point at the car, the man was getting out of the back seat into the front and the car sped away. DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THIS TRAP.

This is not for the ladies only, but guys too, if you love your mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, etc., you may want to pass it onto them, as well. Remind yourself and those you care about that the world we live in has a lot of crazies in it and it's better to be safe than sorry.

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

Your contributions are greatly appreciated for the SandDollar and the safety bulletin board. Please send safety contributions to Pat.

Let's continue to encourage each other to be safe.
Make it a safe day.

Administration

UPCOMING TEL EVENTS:

DATE	DAY	BROADCAST	TIME
11-May	Tuesday	The Interpretive Analysis Model for Supervisors	12:00-4:00pm
12-May	Wednesday	attendance is required for both sessions to receive credit	
13-May	Thursday	DOI Annual Ethics	?
17-May	Monday	Retirement Planning for New Employees	2:00-4:00pm
20-May	Thursday	Managing Workers Compensation Cases - Part 2	?
25-May	Tuesday	Preparing & Presenting an Effective Interpretive Talk	12:00-4:00pm
26-May	Wednesday	Presentation Techniques	12:00-4:00pm
27-May	Thursday	Heat Loss Prevention	?
3-Jun	Thursday	The Interpretive Analysis Model	12:00-4:00pm
8-Jun	Tuesday	Interpretive Techniques/Create Opportunities for Connection	12:00-4:00pm
10-Jun	Thursday	Administrative Grievances-What You Don't Know Could Hurt You	2:00-4:30pm
15-Jun	Tuesday	Informal Interpretation	12:00-4:00pm
16-Jun	Wednesday	The Interpretive Process Model	12:00-4:00pm
22-Jun	Tuesday	Partnership Agreements	?
13-Jul	Tuesday	Grant Proposals for External Funding	?
19-Jul	Monday	NPS Recreation & Preservation Programs	1:30-3:30pm
10-Aug	Tuesday	Dealing with Misconduct & Progressive Discipline	10:00-12:00pm
10-Aug	Tuesday	Resolving Performance Issues	2:00-4:00pm
26-Aug	Thursday	Retirement Planning for New Employees	2:00-4:00pm

Facility Management

Interpretation

173 participants turned out for the Spring 2004 adopt-a-beach clean-up on Saturday the 24th and collected 380 bags of trash from about five miles of beach. To approximate the total weight of the bags, Phil uses a range with a lower limit at 25 lbs (the General Land Office standard) and 35 lbs, which PAIS has computed to be the average weight of bags here based on weighing random individual bags of trash. This puts the total weight at between 9,500 lbs (4.75 tons) and 13,300 lbs (6.65 tons)--with the actual weight probably being closer to 6.65 tons.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out in this Spring's clean-up. It couldn't have been done without you.

The next Adopt-a-beach clean-up will be on September 18.

Protection

Resources Management

Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery

RIDLEY ON THE CAUSEWAY! Check out the new concrete upright on the right side of the lane going into to Corpus Christi from the island, right as you approach Flour Bluff. A large Kemp's ridley turtle is etched into the concrete. What a great tribute to the hard work that the park has been doing to help restore this species for over two decades!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Clutches 3, 4, and 5 found!

Clutch 5 was found at Padre Island National Seashore by NPS turtle patroller Jennifer Shelby ("Shelby") at our 51 mile marker on April 26. Jennifer found the tracks left in the sand by the nesting turtle, which had already re-entered the water by the time that she arrived. Cynthia traveled to the site and found a false crawl (a nesting attempt where the turtle did not lay eggs) at the 34 mile marker. Cynthia retrieved the 113 eggs from the nest at the 51 mile marker and transported them to the incubation facility for protected care. The hatchlings will be released from this clutch sometime between June 12 and June 18.

Clutch 3 was found by a turtle patroller on Boca Chica Beach on April 23 and clutch 4 by a turtle patroller on South Padre Island on April 26. Eggs from both clutches were transferred to a protective corral on South Padre Island. The eggs from these two nests will incubate there and the hatchlings will be released there. The nesting turtle was not observed for clutch 3, but was examined by biologists for clutch 4. No tags were found on the mother of clutch 4, indicating that she was not a head started turtle or one that we had documented nesting on the Texas coast previously.

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